



Christmas Light Competition

Light up the Heads with your Christmas light creation and you might win a prize!!



Christmas Recycling?

What to do with the Christmas recycling?
Collection dates & opening hours see pg 9



Santa's Coming to Town

He's coming on Christmas Eve. Check the map for his travel plans on page 5.



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December 2025

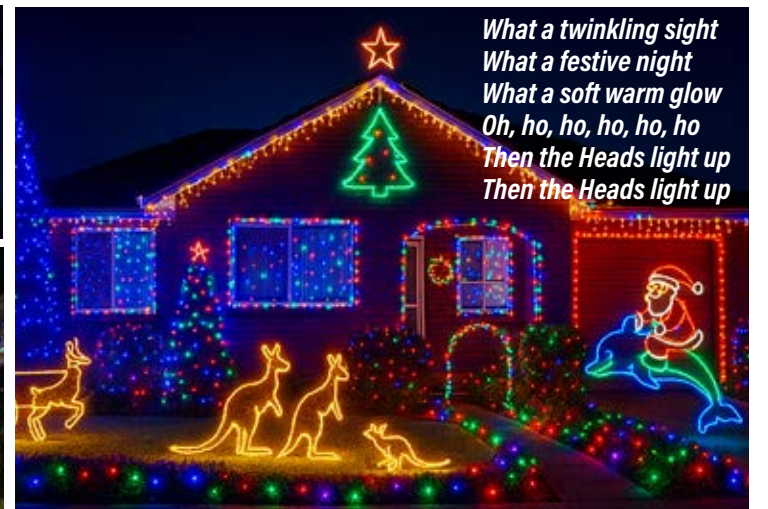
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THE HEADS LIGHT UP

The Shoalhaven Heads Chamber of Commerce and Tourism is ramping up ahead of the holiday season. The Christmas light competition is back this year with 3 prizes offered for the most impressive, creative and fun displays on homes or businesses. Judging will occur on Sunday 21st December. The Chamber has worked with Hoorah events to install some uniquely 'Shoalhaven Heads' Christmas displays along the Main Street. This has been supported with generous donations from Mountain View Resort, The Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club, the IGA, the Newsagent, Holiday Haven and the Lions Club. The Bowling club has offered to store these decorations and we intend to build on these displays each year.

Michelle Bishop, President



*What a twinkling sight
What a festive night
What a soft warm glow
Oh, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho
Then the Heads light up
Then the Heads light up*

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN SHOALHAVEN HEADS



Heads School students



Cenotaph party



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James, Gary, Thomas and Mikala



Mick, Tracey, Graham, Chris, Gloria and Tony



Deb, Chris Deb, Ray, Bill, Ed and Craig



Kay, Maggie, Paul, Rose, Denise, Carol and Dennis

Commander Ashbolt's address strikes a chord

Under clear skies Heads residents filled Memorial Park for a ceremony that felt both calm and attentive. Guest speaker, Commander Daniel Ashbolt, delivered his address, and it was very well received by the large crowd. His words moved easily between history and the present day, reminding us that we pause each year not to dwell on old battles, but to recognise the cost of peace.

He spoke about the burden carried by a small nation: heavy losses, deep scars, and the simple truth that one in five who served did not return. Many who did return lived with injuries no doctor could mend. Ashbolt's message was that remembrance is active—an ongoing choice to value the stability, fairness and cooperation that allow our communities to live without fear.

Lest we forget.

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Surf Club	Ampol Service Station	Shoalhaven Medical
Golf Club	St Peter's Church	Centre
Bowling Club	Tennis Clubhouse	Outside Chinese
Mountain View Resort	Council Swimming Pool	Restaurant
Coastal Palms	Holiday Haven	River Retreat
Tall Timbers	Caravan Park	Community Centre
Rural Fire Service	Dr Salaudiddin Surgery	Heads Hotel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Community Forum		Red Cross	
Bowling Club	7pm Wed Feb 4	Bowling Club	1:30pm Tue Dec 2
Fire Brigade		RSL Sub Branch	
Fire Shed	7pm Mon Dec 15	Bowling Club	4pm Mon Dec 1
Lions		Social Hub	
Bowling Club	7pm Tue Dec 9	Community Ctr	10am Mondays
Probus		VIEW Club	
Bowling Club	10:30am Fri Dec 12	Bowling Club	5:30pm Mon Dec 8

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS			
Police Assistance Line	131 444	Kids Help Line	1800 551 800
Police/Ambulance/Fire	000	Shoalhaven Hospital	4421 3111
Poisons Information	13 11 26	Marine Rescue	4447 4466
State Emergency Service	132 500	Nowra Police Station	4421 9699
Wildlife Rescue	0418 427 214	Lifeline	13 11 14

ESSENTIAL SERVICES			
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58 Queen St Berry		Dr H. Muttaqi	4448 7398
Dr Zameer Panju	4448 7105	106 Shoalhaven Heads Rd	
112 Shoalhaven Heads Rd			

COMMUNITY FORUM

Councillor Reports

Councillor Selena Clancy

- **The Coastal Management Plan (CMP)** and Entrance Management Policy (EMP) have now been adopted by Council.
- **Shoalhaven Heads Pool:** Opening is delayed by four weeks to 29 November, matching Milton Pool. The previous council set these dates to reduce costs. Selena pushed to bring the opening forward but only gained support from Clr Cox. Council advised that operating for the extra four weeks would cost around \$13,000. There is still no closing date listed on the website, which she believes is not acceptable. Council will not permit volunteer lifeguards. Selena will look into lowering the season pass price and seek an extra two weeks of operation at the end of the season. We were assured this shortened opening period won't be repeated next summer.
- **The damaged river path** beside the pontoon is unsafe and will be repaired by the end of the year, ready for the new playground opening.

- **Post Office:** A petition led by the Lions Club asks Australia Post to restore a service to the village. It will be coordinated through Fiona Phillips' office. Selena supports the community and noted that Bega achieved success with a new business model.
- **Q:** Are Boat Ramp repairs still funded? **A:** Yes. Funding is included within the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program.

- **Q:** Will the Information Hub at the Community Centre continue? **A:** Yes. The contract renewal should be finalised soon.

Mayor Patricia White

- **Shoalhaven Heads Pool:** The reduced season was decided in the last council term. The CEO implemented operational cuts across both libraries and pools. Selena intends to move a motion requesting a detailed cost breakdown of all pools.

- **New Code of Meeting Practice:** Effective 1 January 2026, this will alter the way meetings operate. Council briefings will cease, and deputations will be presented at Public Forums. Monthly meetings will be held on the last Tuesday, with Forums held the week prior. Business papers will be issued 10-12 days beforehand.

- **New Code of Conduct:** Stronger mayoral powers will apply, operating in a way similar to parliamentary procedures. Councillors are expected to attend all meetings unless exceptional circumstances arise.

- **Tobacco Shops:** Sanctuary Point has three shops, one of which was recently vandalised. Nowra has nine and Ulladulla five.

- **Waste Bins:** A new \$37 million machine at West Nowra will soon process yellow bins, with 94% recycled and the remainder going to landfill. By 2030 all households will have both a green waste and a FOGO bin. Changes will begin appearing next year. Weekly green bin collection is planned, and the voucher system is under review. By 1 January 2028, businesses must separate waste or face fines.

- **Safe Work Orders:** Since 1 October 2025, Council has been covered by the Industrial Relations Act.

- **Finances:** The 2024/25 accounts were audited and approved by Auditor-General. Debt has reduced from \$192M to \$151M. Staff numbers have fallen by around 50 positions, mostly through natural attrition, and the restructure has reduced Director roles and fleet costs.

- **Tip Fees:** Council continues to be charged the higher metropolitan rate under State legislation. Despite questioning this several times, no change has been achieved.

Drainage - Bolong Rd Quarry / Fig Tree

Council has confirmed the drainage issue will be addressed. An initial study recommended a culvert through the driveway near the fig trees, but that solution did not fully resolve the problem. A new investigation has begun with the Northern District Drainage and Structures team. A detailed survey has been completed, and Council now plans to construct channels to disperse and redirect water more effectively, preventing it from collecting on the road.

Men's Shed / The Shed - Daf Hewson

Daf is the new president. Membership has grown from 12 to 42 since July 2025. New activities such as mosaics, vinyl cutting and other craft options are now available, and new members are always welcome. A regular newsletter is being produced and can be provided to anyone interested.

Surf Club - Nicky Pryde

There are 71 nippers this year. The club has received a new Inflatable Rescue Boat through an Ampol grant. Council is finalising the new holiday lifeguard contract. Bronze Medallion courses will be starting soon.

Lions Club - Rob Russell

The Lions Club is coordinating the petition to save the Post Office, with copies available at the Newsagent and online. Signatures are being collected to support a request to our Federal Member for Australia Post to restore a service to the village.

The Christmas raffle is being sold around town. The Bunnings BBQ will be held on 7 December. Christmas cakes are available at the newsagent.

The Lions have donated \$300 towards village Christmas decorations, and there will be prizes for Christmas lights this year.

Meals on Wheels - Cathy Law

The team is pleased with the new kitchen, which can now produce double the number of meals. More delivery drivers are needed, with the time commitment being around two hours per month. A picnic in the park is being planned with the Pre-school.

Community Centre - Jenny Edwards

- A new heavy-duty curtain track will be installed in the Banksia Room in the coming weeks.

- 88 Dream Cleaning has been booked to clean ceiling fans, the main corridor, the parquet floor, and to gurney the concrete outside the hall.

- The Banksia Room carpet was recently steam cleaned and is looking much better.

CMP and EMP - Robyn Flack

Robyn reported that the Lower Shoalhaven River Coastal Management Program and the Entrance Management Policy have both been adopted by Council.

- She is hopeful the EMP will lead to improved outcomes during flood events. The team worked closely with Council flood engineer Mark Stone and believe the plan provides better flexibility, though the consultant's modelling only covered major floods rather than minor ones.

- There is disappointment that the adopted CMP does not reflect many community submissions. The coastal wetland was not recognised, and there is no allowance for sand scraping or dredging. The removal of the living shoreline project avoids a high-cost, high-maintenance proposal that would have limited public access to shallow water at River Road Reserve. Council will seek a permit to maintain the small mangrove-free area.

Explorer Boulevard Traffic Hazard - Gidg Zealand

Gidg raised concerns about traffic and parking hazards at the Explorer Boulevard and Scott Street intersection during Oz Tag and other sporting events. The forum will write to Council requesting "no parking" restrictions on the corner.

Gerroa Road & Beach Road Intersection - Cathy Law

Cathy noted a painted 100 km/h sign on the road surface near the intersection that conflicted with posted speed signs. Transport NSW has now been informed.

Footpaths - Bethany Sheehan

Bethany is keen to explore options for more footpaths in the village to improve safety, particularly for children, and to provide better connections to the primary school.

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There are currently 30 members across shop fronts, trades, services and consultants and all business who are based in or service Shoalhaven Heads are welcome to join. People who work from home but would like to have professional networking opportunities are also welcome to join.

The Visit Shoalhaven Heads website, social media and Shoalhaven Heads Chamber facebook pages are

all reactivated with Committee Member Rebekah O'Reilly generously managing the updates in a volunteer capacity.

The chamber will hold regular networking events with guest speakers throughout the year hosted by our members who have the opportunity to profile their businesses.

Michelle Bishop, President

E-BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

E-bikes and scooters are huge fun to ride, and it's no surprise they're popular around the village. But the higher-powered models can reach serious speeds, and when something goes wrong the consequences can be devastating.

A recent case on the Sunshine Coast — where a boy was charged after another child died in an e-bike crash — is a stark reminder of how quickly things can go wrong.

If your family uses e-bikes, scooters or even regular

bikes, it's worth checking the rules and making sure the basics are followed: helmets on, safe speeds, and equipment that's legal for public paths and roads. A little caution goes a long way in keeping everyone safe.

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SHOALHAVEN HEADS POST OFFICE: A SMALL UPDATE

There's been steady interest across the village about the future of postal services in Shoalhaven Heads. At this stage, there's no confirmed news, but there are indications that we may hear more further down the track.

While we wait, it remains worthwhile for residents to share their experiences and expectations directly with Australia Post. The earlier petition showed how

strongly the community feels about having a reliable service in the village, and Australia Post has channels for community feedback that anyone can use.

If an update becomes available, we'll report it in the paper.

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Scan the QR to sign the petition

SOUTHERN LIGHTS OVER SHOALHAVEN HEADS

On 12 November, the southern lights (Aurora Australis) made a rare appearance over Shoalhaven Heads. Usually, people travel to the other side of the world to see this kind of display, yet the sky lit up enough for us to catch it from the beach right here at home.

The ABC mentioned earlier that night that the lights would peak around 11pm, so we headed down for a look. It was a chilly night, and we only had my old iPhone with me, but it still managed to pick up the reds and yellows drifting across the horizon — far clearer than what the eye could see on its own.

Auroras form when charged particles from the Sun

collide with gases high in the atmosphere, creating colour bands that usually stay close to the poles. Strong solar activity pushed this one far enough north for us to see it along the coast.

Standing on the sand at five to eleven and watching the colours reflect off the water was something I never expected to witness in Shoalhaven Heads. It was quite a moment.



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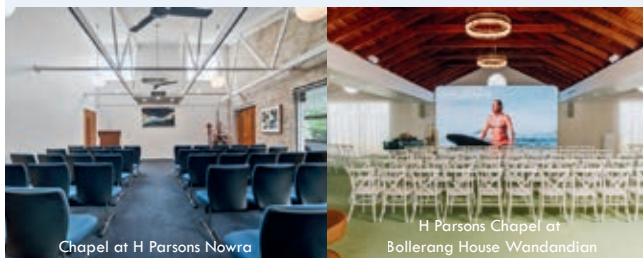
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HEADS RURAL FIRE BRIGADE



Large Air Tanker at Coastal Waters



Beach Rd Car fire



Hi Everybody. We've had 21 incidents since our last Report. Yes, 21!

Undoubtedly the biggest job was in Jervis Bay

It's early Sunday afternoon and my wife, Debra receives a call to attend the Shoalhaven Fire Control Centre as a developing incident was underway. A fire, fanned by a westerly breeze, had started in the Jervis Bay area.

Deb is a volunteer with the Shoalhaven Communications Brigade and one of their roles is to relay messages between Duty Officers or Incident Controllers and the Fire Crews on the ground, or in the air.

Initially local Brigades were employed to fight the fire but it soon became apparent that more units were required. SHRFB was called to assist with our Cat1 and we were assigned "Property Protection" at Coastal Waters, a retirement village.

Two Strike Teams comprising of 5 appliances each, from the Illawarra/Sutherland District were added to the call. Two water bombing Helicopters, the Large Air Tanker (LAT) and Spotter aircraft also attended.

The fire had split and whilst generally moving in an easterly direction, the fire direction became northerly as the terrain changed, threatening the village as had

been anticipated. Residents had earlier been advised to leave their homes but now the instruction was to stay indoors.

Fire crews to the west of us fought the fire head on as we waited for the fire to reach our sector. The vegetation prevented access to the fire and windblown ember attack on the village was a concern.

The LAT made its second and final "run" for the day at 5:45pm. It laid a line of Retardant between nearby houses and the fire. It was good we received prior warning and moved our appliance; otherwise the resulting pink colour scheme would have been hard to explain back at the station.

The strike teams set up a back burn to control fuel to the north.

The retardant worked. We remained on site ensuring all remained calm with an expected Southerly wind expected before midnight.

A total of more than 2500 firefighter hours over two days were spent controlling the fire. That does not include the mop up and "dangerous tree" recovery that followed.

Beach Rd Car fire

Earlier in the month a car fire on Beach Road just prior to 9:00pm. With some of our new members on board, all three appliances from our station attended.

Willow Vale Grass fire

A week later and a grass fire beside the highway near Willow Vale was called in and both our tankers and Gerringong RFB attended. Defensive positions were taken as a nearby property was under threat.

Santa's Coming to Town

We'll be out with Santa Claus on 24th December during his annual reconnoitre of Shoalhaven Heads. The map will indicate when we might be in your area.

On behalf of SHRFB, we wish you a very enjoyable holiday period and a safe and prosperous 2026.

Thank you for your support.

Stay safe, Geoff Parker

Raine & Horne

As another wonderful year in Shoalhaven Heads draws to a close, I want to wish our amazing village a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday season.

It's a privilege to live, work and raise a family in such a supportive community, and I'm grateful for every client, local business, volunteer and neighbour who makes our village so special.

Thank you for trusting me with your homes, your milestones and your memories. I look forward to continuing to support our community in 2026.

Wishing you all joy, rest and time with the people who matter most.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas season filled with sunshine, good company and plenty of local cheer.

Thank you for your support throughout the year — our village truly is one of a kind.

Have a safe and happy holidays!

Danielle, Kelli & Tayha



Kelli Hobart



Tayha McCabe



Danielle Harris



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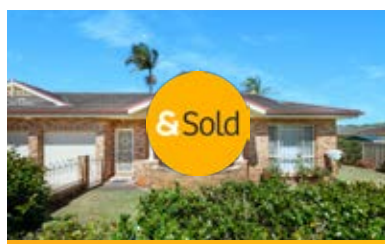
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SHOALHAVEN HEADS RSL SUB-BRANCH

December Anniversaries

31 December – Conclusion of Operation SLIPPER, Afghanistan (2014)

Thanks for Supporting RSL

December for the RSL is a time when we can reflect on a year that was. It has been a year of events both happy and sad, we have seen this year record numbers at our Anzac Day Service, increased numbers at the Vietnam Vets and Remembrance Day services, it has been extremely pleasing to see a lot of younger people

helping us celebrate these important ceremonies, as well as the support we also receive from the Bowls and Recreation Club, all of the other clubs and services from throughout the Heads, plus the local community, it is because of this support we are able to provide a service that is both community minded and service related. We have lost some members this year and we have had some members that have been hospitalised for a long period of time this year, to all, their families our thoughts and prayers will always be with them all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and the members of the RSL Subbranch, the Directors and all of the staff of the Bowls and Rec club, and the entire community of Shoalhaven Heads a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and enjoyable New Year.

I am looking forward to 2026 and what it will bring for the RSL

“LEST WE FORGET”

Peter Young - President

WHY ELECTRICITY PRICES ARE RISING – AND WHAT THE EVIDENCE ACTUALLY SHOWS

What's been driving bills up

People often wonder why power bills keep climbing when more solar and wind are being built. According to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and the ACCC, the biggest price pressures have come from high coal and gas costs and from breakdowns at ageing coal stations.

AEMO's quarterly reports show that wholesale prices spiked in 2022 when global gas prices surged after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Even though gas supplies only part of our electricity, gas-fired plants set the market price during tight periods, so our bills rose. At the same time, AEMO recorded more unplanned outages at older coal plants, which pushed prices higher again when units suddenly went offline. These factors flowed through to households long before most modern renewable projects were connected.

What renewables actually do to prices

CSIRO and AEMO both report that solar and wind are now the lowest-cost new sources of electricity in Australia. Because they have no fuel cost, they sell power into the market at very low prices. AEMO calls this the “merit-order effect”: when solar or wind output is high, they push expensive generators further up

the bid stack, which lowers the market-clearing price.

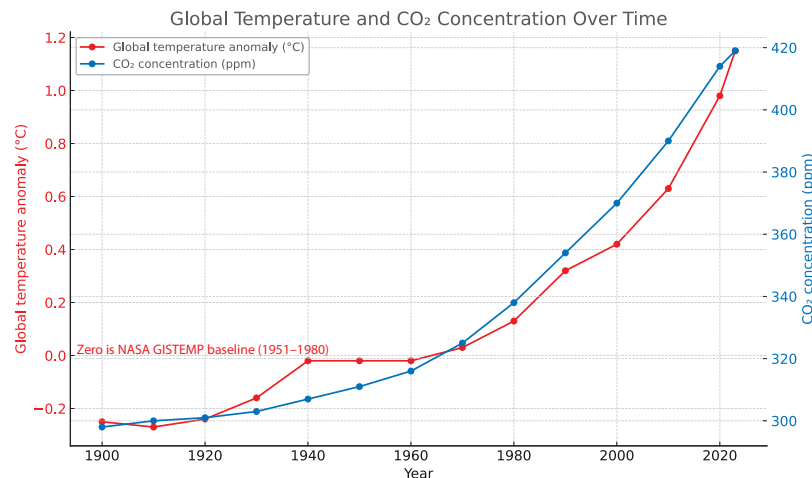
The Australian Energy Regulator's annual reviews show this clearly. States with more renewables generally see lower average wholesale prices over the year. South Australia — with some of the highest renewable shares in the country — has often recorded the lowest or near-lowest prices. Regions that rely more on coal and gas have seen larger spikes, especially when fuel markets tighten or older units fail.

Why the transition feels bumpy

The ACCC has noted that years of slow investment in replacement generation left the system tight. As coal stations near retirement, the grid is in a catch-up phase: old units are less reliable, while new infrastructure is still being built. This adds cost, but it is temporary.

Why cutting emissions quickly still matters

The Bureau of Meteorology reports that Australia has already warmed about 1.5°C. Each step of warming increases the intensity of heatwaves, bushfire danger,



heavy rain and coastal flooding. These risks carry real costs — from insurance premiums to disaster recovery.

Replacing ageing fossil-fuel generators with cleaner, modern power reduces both emissions and long-term energy prices. The evidence from AEMO, the ACCC, CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology all points in the same direction: the quickest path to stable, affordable electricity is to finish the transition, not to slow it.

Heads News



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KID FRIENDLY

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BOTANIC GARDENS - THE ILLEGITIMATE HOLLY

Hello gardeners and nature lovers, well, what a month November was for the Botanic Garden! We are honoured to have won the BGANZ (Botanic gardens Australia & New Zealand) award for Living Collections. We are, hopefully, setting up SHNBG for future generations to not only enjoy but understand the need for conservation and education by setting an example with a living collection. Receiving an award when up against “the bigger boys” of much larger, funded gardens, we feel is a real achievement in itself, and of which we are very proud to be a part of.

And we thank everyone from the Heads that enjoys the Gardens also, and those that comment either in our comments book or directly to us when walking through.

We have also been lucky to secure a grant from the Veolia-Mulwaree Trust for half the cost of our ride-on lawnmower. She's a beauty and I've been told she's fast because she's red!

As Christmas is just around the corner I am going to point out a plant in the Garden called Holly-leaved



Rob accepting the Living Collections Award on behalf of all the volunteers fuchsia (*Graptophyllum ilicifolium*). As you can see by the picture it has beautiful red flowers and leaves shaped like the unrelated holly. It is listed as Vulnerable (i.e. facing a high risk of extinction) & it's natural



Holly-leaved fuchsia

habitat is central Queensland. It flowers in spring & summer so you should be able to still see it now, but please don't pick it as it's for everyone to see!

Chris Lawrance



VIEW

There was a wonderful attendance at our November meeting.

We were joined by our guest speaker, Annie Lucas, Aged Care Programs Co-Ordinator from “Ageing with Grace”. This organisation is funded to provide the Aged Care Volunteer visitors Scheme and matches volunteers with older people for friendship and companionship. Annie's presentation was extremely well received by all in attendance. Pam gave a vote of thanks on behalf of our members.

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is proud to be the largest community sponsor of The Smith Family's Learning for Life program, which provides students with financial, educational and personal

support, which is crucial, particularly in the current economic climate. It is also the largest community sponsor of students on The Smith Family's Learning for Life program with our own club supporting 3 students through its fundraising activities.

We always welcome new friends to VIEW and hope you can join us at our next meeting on Monday 8th December 2025, 5.30 for 6pm at Shoalhaven Heads Bowling Club.

This will be our Christmas get-together, with members participating in a “Secret Santa” gift exchange.

We extend our very best wishes to all our friends in the Community for a safe and enjoyable Festive Season spent with family and friends.



Annie and Pam

We welcome visitors at any meeting.

Please contact Sue on 0408 620 527 if you would like to come along.

Lorraine (President)

HEADS FISHING CLUB

CHRISTMAS

December Weigh In

PARTY

SUN 14 DEC 2025

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Bowlo Fishing Club	Scott Tyrrell	0447 782 800	Weigh-in last Sunday of each month
Bushido Judo Club	Darren	0409 920 711	Tue 5:30-7:30pm - Community Centre
Chamber of Commerce	Michelle Bishop	0419 152 233	Meetings TBA
Community Centre	Jenny Edwards	0418 100 151	Contact Jenny for hiring of the Community Centre
Community Forum	Robyn Flack		1st Wednesday of month at Bowlo at 7:00pm
Computer Club	Alan	0416 008 406	10:30am every Wed at the Bowling Club
Cricket	Ted Street	4464 1142	Season October to April
Fire Brigade	Stephanie Judge	0412 425 567	3rd Mon at 7pm Training - Sun 9am - 12 noon
Garden Lovers Group	Laurie Talbot	0428 441 667	2nd Thur of the month - 1:30pm at the Com Centre
Golf Club	Club House	4448 8683	Open 7 days a week
Handicraft Group	Marilyn McMahon	4448 7756	Wednesdays 9am to 11am at the Community Centre
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Christmas Lunch is Tuesday 2nd December at 12noon. We are meeting at the Community Centre at 11:30am for carpooling to Gerringong Bowling Club.

Our Christmas raffle is nearly upon us. The friendly Red Cross ladies will be selling tickets on Saturdays 6th and 13th December, from 9:30 – 11:30am, outside the Bottle Shop. Please come and buy a raffle ticket ... or



Proud to honour the sacrifice of service personnel who have fought and died in war, conflicts and peacekeeping operations

two! We will be drawing the raffle at 11:30am on 13th December.

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Christmas from Shoalhaven Heads Red Cross.

Pat Loveridge



BUSHCARE

During November, Coolangatta Mountain Group have been busy clearing Lantana, Tobacco, Senna and Moth Vine and had a successful introduction to bush regeneration, resulting in more volunteers signing up.

River Rd Group continued to weed above the rock wall. Shoalhaven Heads Group have been clearing Lantana, Senna and Asparagus Fern south of the Water Treatment Plant and checked regrowth in the southern dunes. Thanks to Ron for clearing the fallen trees from the viewing platform path, treating Leonotis on the sand spit and the regrowth in Gerroa Rd.

Golfers Group has been busy restocking the nursery, removing invasive vines in the central wildlife corridor and checking Lantana regrowth at the northern end of the course and trimming wind damaged trees. The SCC bushcare Christmas party is at Burrill Lake on Friday 5th December.



Ron clearing fallen trees



Virginia, Kim & Jen

Do not dump garden rubbish and lawn clippings in bushland as it is hard to remove once it regenerates. Ticks, snakes and leeches are active and shore birds are nesting, take care going into the bush.

Golfers Group meet on Mondays at 7:00am in SHGC car park and the Heads Group meet every Tuesday at 7:30am at various sites. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding experience please contact the coordinators. Heads Group and Golfers Group; Noel 0428400790, River Rd Group; John 0405217509, Mt Coolangatta Group; Jess 0432173862

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A few people have mentioned they'd gladly help out in Shoalhaven Heads if only they knew how to sign up. The process is simple: head to the Shoalhaven City Council website (or call 1300 293 111) and register through the volunteers section. That's the official pathway, and it helps link you to the right group.

Even the dune-care team was approached recently by someone who thought they were Council staff. Once she

found out they were volunteers, she wanted to join too — she just didn't know where to start.

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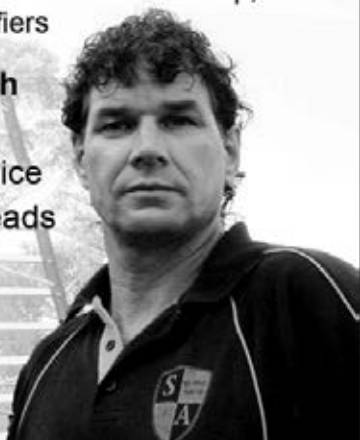
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PROBUS

As the year draws to a close and we gear up for the festive season, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the great experiences our members have shared throughout 2025 as we prepare to celebrate this wonderful time of the year.

We were thrilled to welcome guest speaker Gavin Rogers from Turfco, Lawn Solutions Australia, turf farm at Berry, a family-run business with beginnings 38 years ago and an ongoing passion for cultivating the perfect turf species. The presentation was both informative and entertaining, opening our eyes to the many fascinating varieties of lawn, from breeding and cross-pollination to the fully automated machinery used to mechanically sew and harvest. Did you know not all grass is created equal? Lawn Solutions Australia has 10,000 different varieties with farms stretching from Darwin to Hobart and the west coast of Australia.

Turfco's insights have helped us appreciate the green

beneath our feet just that bit more. A special thanks to Gavin for sharing his expertise and answering all our curly questions with genuine enthusiasm.

This year's Yarrawonga tour was a resounding success, with a full coach of eager members joining in the fun and a new spin being put on "Fawlty Towers" though thankfully, no moose heads were harmed in the making of our memories!

Amongst the many places visited was The Port of Echuca with its red gum paddle steamers and the Red Stag Deer farm in the beautiful Ovens Valley.

Our adventure wouldn't have been complete without visiting Glenrowan and experiencing the semi-live animatronic production of Ned Kelly's Last Stand, the siege where members took part in gunfights, burning buildings and the final capture and trial of the Kelly Gang.

The next Probus meeting will be on Friday 12th

December at the Heads Bowling Club followed by our Christmas Luncheon.

Thank you to everyone who made 2025 such a memorable year. Your participation is what keeps our Probus family thriving. Wishing all our members and their loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We hope to see you at many more events in 2026!

Kerry Kells - Publicity Officer



Members standing in front of painted Silo at Picola! The painting is called 'Superb Parrot'.

THE SHED - NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our Shed is holding a Special General Meeting at 10:30am on Wednesday 10 December to elect a new Committee to guide its future.

All committee members resigned at a meeting held on 19 November, when it was decided that members should have input on the future composition of the committee.

A call for nominations for the seven committee positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee Members) has been made to all members, and they are able to vote by email, postal vote or in person. Full details have been sent to all members.

In the interim, there is no impact on members enjoying the Shed's facilities in the lead up to Christmas.

Classes in mosaics have enthusiastic members meeting each Monday afternoon to work on their pro-

jects together, with these group gatherings, dubbed CRAFTERNOONS. Other CRAFTERNOONS are being held every couple of weeks for other interests.

The Shed continues to be open 9-noon on Monday to Wednesdays, for members to drop in to continue their projects.

Next year looks to be an exciting one, with classes already planned on skills as diverse as welding, screen printing, rug hooking, crochet and woodwork techniques.

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One of our members has been amused by what people see in her first mosaic. What do you think it is? Answer on page 14



One of our busy mosaics classes

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The Shed



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As we move towards 2026, the Shoalhaven Heads property market is set for another strong year. Buyer confidence remains high, with continued interest from downsizers, first-home buyers, and investors all drawn to the area's coastal charm and welcoming community.

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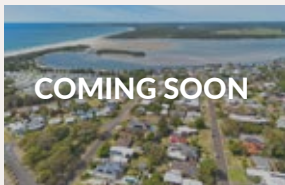
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TIME TO THROW CHICKEN ON THE BARBIE

It might sound like sacrilege, but I'm always keen to try variations on steak and snags at a barbie.

So when I saw this one from Adam Liaw recently we raided the pantry and the parsley patch and fired up the barbecue to try it out.

While at first blush this might seem a touch too much trouble for a barbecue, it really is pretty simple with a little preparation.

All the ingredients can be prepared ahead of time and it only requires six or seven minutes on the hot-plate to cook.

And when you present the plate of perfectly cooked chicken redolent with those classic Greek flavours of garlic, oregano and lemon, you'll have a winner, chicken dinner.

Ingredients

- Chicken with Greek yoghurt
- 6 chicken thigh fillets
- salt and black pepper, to season
- ½ tsp turmeric powder
- 1 lemon: zested and juiced

- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp dried Greek oregano
- 1¼ cups thick yoghurt
- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
- ¼ tsp honey
- 1 tbsp finely shredded parsley

Method

Season the chicken thighs in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper, then mix with the turmeric, lem-




on juice, the garlic, half the oregano, ¼ cup of yoghurt and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Set aside to marinade for 30 minutes

Combine the remaining yoghurt with the lemon zest, honey and parsley, and season well with salt and pepper.

Heat a barbecue grill over high heat and grill the chicken for about 3 minutes a side until cooked through. Rest well.

Spread the yoghurt mix on a serving plate and place the chicken on top. Scatter with the remaining oregano, drizzle with a little olive oil, season one last time with salt and pepper, then serve.

Uncle Tim



BEER APPRECIATION GROUP - S'HEADS

Greetings beer enthusiasts, beer connoisseurs and home-brewers. The idea of brewing a special beer for Christmas is centuries old. In Europe – particularly Scandinavia, Germany and Belgium, Brewers would create stronger, darker yuletide beers for Christmas feasts and celebrations. These beers weren't; just beverages, they were carefully crafted brews that could be shared with family, neighbours and co workers as a gesture of goodwill. Here are some characteristics that define a decent Christmas brew:

Higher alcohol content – usually around 6-12% ABV.

Rich, malty sweetness

Spices and seasonal additions – such as cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, ginger, orange peel, honey, vanilla

Darker colours and a fully body

Belgium: Noel Ales are legendary – complex, fruity, spicy and yeast driven

USA: Spiced winter warmers – festive baked spice approach with additions such as chocolate, coffee,

cherries or barrel aging.

Germany : Weihnachtsbier – stronger versions of Bocks or Dunkels, celebrating malt richness

UK: Strong Ales and Old Ales – Toffee, dried fruit and subtle earthy hops that are sometimes reminiscent of Christmas pudding.

In beer we trust, happy and safe brewing, cheers!



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PEACE AT CHRISTMAS

We live in a world in great need of peace. On 11th November I gathered with others to commemorate Remembrance Day, marking the moment an armistice was signed to end fighting in WW1. It's right we continue to meet to mark that occasion and remember many who have fallen to preserve the freedom and peace we enjoy today. A sad reality is that war continues to happen. The Great War did not turn out to be the war that ends all war, as it was hoped. Added to this global distress, is the war that exists within us as individuals battling with demons of our own, not

to mention conflict in our families which may be exposed all the more at Christmas. The Bible identifies the source of all this conflict with a war humanity has waged against God. Christmas is a time we remember that God acted to end this war by sending his own Son Jesus in the form of a man. We'd love to see you at St Peter's over Christmas to hear more of how Jesus Christ has accomplished an enduring peace that will last forever.

Craig Langstaff, Rector. St Peter's Anglican Church

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Christmas Eve:

5pm Family Christmas

9pm Traditional Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day:

9am Christmas Communion

WILDLIFE MATTERS - SING US A SONG MAGGIE

You've got to love the warble of the Australian Magpie, a songbird with a variety of complex calls.

They can mimic over 35 native and introduced bird species, dogs and horses, human speech and they were heard mimicking sirens during the Black Summer Bush Fires.

Magpies can sing for up to 70 minutes and they warble more often at the end of the breeding season.

Pairs of Maggies call to each other in a song known as "Carolling" to advertise and defend their territory. The sound they make is at a higher pitch than their usual warbles.

When the choir begins, they tilt their heads back, expand their chests and place wings backward.

As with all children, fledglings and juvenile Magpies emit high-pitched begging calls.

When alone, Magpies tend to make quiet, musical warbling which is melodious, but not carried for a long distance. I suppose this is a little like talking to oneself.

At the sight of a raptor, Maggies transmit a rallying call which results in a coordinated attack on the predator.



The natural predators of Magpies are monitor lizards and barking owls. The Australian Raven will also take nestlings for food.

However, their deaths are also caused by electrocution on powerlines or poisoning from eating mice or rats which have been baited. If they survive all these dangers, they can live for 25 years.

If you find any injured wildlife, please call your local rescue group by using the IFAW APP on your phone.

Karen Devine

SMART TRAVEL PACKING TIPS

Whether you pack like a pro or tend to overdo it, a few simple habits can make travel prep easier and far more organised. These smart packing ideas, shared at recent ROAM* Breakfast Travel Club, will help you streamline your suitcase without sacrificing style or comfort.

Start by choosing a colour palette. Stick to a few tones that work together so every piece can mix and match. Planning in combinations rather than single outfits also helps: four tops and three bottoms can create a dozen looks, and adding a dress or jumpsuit boosts variety without extra weight.

Keep layers versatile. A lightweight wrap or scarf works on the plane, for cooler evenings, and at cultural sites where modesty is needed. Limit shoes to three pairs, travel, walking, and a dressier option, ensuring each is comfortable and broken in.

Resist packing for hypothetical "just in case" moments. Instead, pre-plan your outfits and snap photos so you can dress easily when jet lag hits. Compression cubes help keep everything organised and save space; include one full change of clothes in your carry-on in case your luggage is delayed.

Use a laundry bag for worn items and separate shoe bags to keep dirt contained. Transfer toiletries into



travel-sized containers, and store chargers, cords, and adapters into one pouch to avoid tangles. A foldable tote is also useful for markets, day trips, or unexpected shopping.

If you enjoy practical travel advice and good company, join us at the ROAM* Breakfast Travel Club on the first Wednesday of each month (starting back up in February) at the Travel Focus Group office. Register at travelfocusgroup.com and order your complimentary coffee for the next meet-up

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SUDOKU

There is only one rule for completing a sudoku:
Numbers 1 to 9 must be in each column, row and 3x3 box

5			6			9	1	
	8							2
3					2			
	7	5		1				
		2		9		7		
				4		5	8	
			1					8
2							6	
	5	9			3			4

KENKEN

Fill in the numbers from 1 to 6 in each row and column.

The dark outlined areas are called cages. At the top left of each cage is a target number and operator. The numbers in a cage must produce the target number using the operator (+ plus, - minus, x multiply or / divide). Eg 6x in a 3 cell cage could be 1,2,3 (1x2x3=6)

120x	8+		24x		10+
6+	14+		60x		2/
	3/			120x	
		3			9+
60x			1	3	

9 LETTER CONUNDRUM

A	O	T
E	E	D
D	C	R

Make as many words 4 letters or more including the 9 letter word. No plurals ending in 's'. Each letter can only be used once and each word must use the centre letter. The dolphin on the front page is a clue.

25 words: Good,
46 words: Very Good,
53 words: Excellent

November's Sudoku

4	9	3	7	1	6	8	2	5
5	2	6	4	8	3	7	1	9
8	1	7	9	2	5	6	3	4
2	6	9	1	5	8	4	7	3
7	4	1	6	3	9	2	5	8
3	5	8	2	4	7	1	9	6
1	8	2	3	9	4	5	6	7
6	3	4	5	7	2	9	8	1
9	7	5	8	6	1	3	4	2

November's KenKen

120x	8+		24x		10+
5	2	1	3	4	6
4	6	5	2	1	3
6+	14+		60x		2/
3	4	6	5	2	1
1	3/	4	6	120x	2
2	1	3	4	6	5
60x			1	3	4

November's Conundrum

PORCELAIN, capriole, replica, panicle, pelican, caliper, calorie, clarion, porcine, police, lancer, oracle, prince, eclair, cornea, carpal, prance, parcel, recoil, pencil, pincer, placer, caper, cairn, place, clear, clean, relic, pecan, copra, coral, canoe, acorn, price, crane, crape, crone, panic, carol, pacer, recap, ocean, lance, capon, nacre, lice, nice, lace, once, icon, pace, epic, crop, corn, core, cope, cone, cola, pice, coin, coil, coal, clop, clip, clap, clan, carp, care, race, cape, cane, acre, acne, rice, crap

The Mystery Mosaic from page 11 is a Gang Gang Cockatoo

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HEADS FISHING CLUB - WEIGH-IN 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

We hosted our weigh-in at Carters Corner on November 9th, 2025, which was attended by approximately sixty members, making for a highly enjoyable afternoon. Despite the less-than-ideal conditions for deep-sea fishing, a considerable number of fish were weighed in. Marty's crew, along with Ion's crew, demonstrated exceptional adaptability in the face of challenging circumstances. Rod Smith and Bonnie Zealand made a tactical decision to fish in the estuary, ultimately securing wins in the Men's Estuary Division and Junior Girls Estuary Division. John Nellestein took the top spot in the Men's Deep-Sea Division on Marty's boat, while Ion claimed victory in the Men's Shark Division. Pam Billington emerged victorious in the Ladies Estuary Division. We appreciate the participation of all who fished over the weekend.

Our badge draw was unsuccessful, resulting in it jackpotting to \$200 for the next weigh-in on December 14th. This event will coincide with our Christmas Party. Additionally, our 100 club is active, offering a total prize of \$1000. The prizes are as follows: 1st place, \$400; 2nd place, \$300; 3rd place, \$200; and 4th place, \$100. These prizes will be drawn during the December weigh-in. We extend our gratitude to Peta Griffin for her tireless efforts in selling raffle tickets on weigh-in days, as well as Bill, Lynne, and Jenny for their assistance with the barbecue. We appreciate the contribu-



tions of all members who made the day a resounding success and thank everyone who helped with the cleanup at the end of the day.

This month's winners are as follows.
Men's Deep Sea, John Nellestein
Men's Estuary, Rod Smith.
Ladies' Estuary, Pam Billington.
Junior Girls' Estuary, Bonnie Zealand.
Men's Shark, Ion Lloyd.
Fish of the Month, Morwong, Greg Gay.
The next weigh-in and Christmas Party are scheduled for December 14th.
The Fish of the Month is Mullet.

Safe fishing everyone, Greg Gay

HEADS COMPUTER CLUB

The Club meets 10:30am each Wed at the Bowlo. If interested, you can have the first 2 visits without joining. Genealogy Group is very popular for those interested in tracing their family history.
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GOLF NEWS

November has been a very busy month both in the clubhouse and on the golf course.

On Tuesday 4th November we had a two person Ambrose golf event followed by a Melbourne Cup luncheon that was organised by our Ladies committee. It proved to be a fantastic day, and the luncheon prepared by our kitchen staff was superb.

Longest Day

On Monday 11th November we had 44 golfers participating in the Longest Day event. The majority of the golfers played 72 holes whilst some opted to play 54 or 36 holes.

Pleasingly I can report that Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club raised \$54 773 which was the most raised by any golf club in Australia. The funds raised go to the Cancer Council and specifically helps fund Cancer research. A big congratulations to the organising team of Colin Brown, Ross Hobson, Geoff Fredrickson and the other Wednesday Whackers.

HMAS Day

On Monday 18th November we hosted the HMAS Albatross fundraising day with the funds raised going to the Prenatal section of the Shoalhaven Children's Hospital. This proved to be a very long day with 200



Greg Norris (Shell Links Cove), Geoff Frederickson, Colin Brown who was the main organiser of the Longest Day and Steve Norris (Shell Links Cove)

golfers participating in a 4 person Ambrose with many of the participants being non-golfers. Some took over 6 hours to complete the 18 holes. At the time of writing this report the amount raised on the day was not finalised.

On Sunday the 30th of November we have our David Lamb Memorial Day. This event is a single stroke event in memory of our number 1 member who sadly lost his battle with cancer a couple of years ago. This is a great day that celebrates the life of a man who was instrumental (along with many others) in providing us with the club and course we have today.

Beginning on 1st December we are hosting our third and final year of the NSWVGA Matchplay championships. This is one of 3 major NSW Veteran's events on their annual calendar. At present we have around 84 entries with this number expected to increase prior to the beginning of December.

Rob Russell - President

BOWLING CLUB

Club Championships

The Major Pairs Championship is one of the prestigious events in our bowls calendar. The finals were held on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October 2025.

Congratulations to John Lewis and George Winstanley who defeated the father and son pairing of Garry and Gregory Collins. The final was a closely fought contest which thrilled the spectators gathered on a Sunday afternoon. John and George are the Hammerheads' Major Pairs Champions 2025/26.

Congratulations to Garry and Gregory Collins, on making the final and becoming runners-up of the Major Pairs Championship.

NSW State Championships

Three teams were entered into the NSW State Fours Championships this year. This is an indication of the Hammerheads enthusiasm and competitiveness. The Open Reserve team of Bob Harvey, Tiny Kinlisesides, Scott Hinkley (Paul Camilleri was substitute for Scott in the final) and Doc Davies were Runners-up to Greenwell Point.



John Lewis and George Winstanley Major Pairs Champions 2025/26



Women's Pennant Blue Side, Top row: Kathy McMahon, Deborah Scala, Joyce Giorgio, Colleen Winstanley, Dennis Potter (Manager), Bottom Row: Therese Sykes, Denise Steer, Lea Huber and Gail Kovacs

Pennant

The Women's Pennant Blue Side won Area A of the South East Bowls and have qualified for the SE Regional Women's Pennant finals. The final will be held at Narooma Bowling Club on Tuesday 25 November 2025. Our club is proud of both Hammerheads Women's Pennant Sides. Both sides continued to improve throughout the season.

Junior Development

We thank our team of volunteers for their excellent contribution in developing and executing a junior bowling program in partnership with the Shoalhaven Heads Public school. The volunteers are Michael English, Ray Silverstone, Doc Davies, Wayne Clay, and Greg Flood.

Stephen Franklin

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Greg Gay



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John Nellestein



Danny Corr



Marty Secheny



Shelton Killingsworth



Jack Hinkley

Tough Conditions on Beach and Sea

The Bowlo fishing club hosted the second Invitation-al Fishing comp on the weekend of 21-23 November with Greenwell Point and The Heads club members competing for the prize pool on Sunday. The weather conditions for the event were trying to say the least with the outside fishos battling wind rain and rough sea conditions. The river fished well albeit a little wet with on and off showers for most of the Friday and Saturday and the Beach fishos had to battle the same weather conditions

As luck had it though, the skies cleared about 7:00am Sunday and gave us a fantastic day under sunshine

Strong Turnout and Plenty of Fish

There was a great rollup for the event on Sunday with 40 fishos weighing in, including 7 juniors. We had a wide variety of fish brought in on the day with everything from Brim, Snapper, Luderick to Yellowfin Tuna, the trusty flattie helped make the numbers up in abundance.

Over \$4000 in prizes were shared with winners and runners up in each category and was spread over all competing clubs.

Food, Fun and Community

The Committee did a great job making the day run smoothly with the BBQ cooks doing a superb job keeping the sausage and steak sandwiches up to the 180 strong crowd. We had Dee doing the face painting and Tom Foolery entertaining the kids with magic shows and novelty balloons.

We also had two mystery fish winners Jason McDonald and Peter Stanton winning first and second prize.

Thanks to All Involved

I would like to thank everyone who supported the day by taking the time to fish in rough conditions, The Heads Club for providing support with shade and extra weighing equipment, Greenwell Point club making the journey over for the day, The SHBRC staff and management and of course the volunteers and committee. Great community days like this event, don't get

off the ground without this support, the Shoalhaven community spirit is alive and well.

Weigh in Prize winners:

Men's Estuary – Bill Hayes
Ladies Estuary – Tanya Hayes
Men's Deep Sea- Peter Stanton
Ladies deep sea – Ann Fish
Men's Beach – Jason McDonald
Ladies Beach- Pauline McDonald
Men's Game fish – Jack Hinkley
Junior Estuary- Bonnie Dylan
Junior Deep sea -Flynn Pratt
Junior Beach – Sam Sheppard

Weekly Fishing Club raffles are held every Saturday with ticket sales starting at 2:30pm and drawn at 3:30pm.

The next weigh in will be on Sunday, January 25, 2026. New members are always welcome.

Scott Tyrrell



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